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## WEST VIRGINIA AUGUST 1 CROP PRODUCTION FORECAST

**WEST VIRGINIA** -- Tobacco production is forecast at 850,000 pounds, down 50 percent from the 2004 crop. The area harvested is expected to total 500 acres, down 800 acres from last year. Based on August 1 conditions, the average yield per acre is forecast at 1,700 pounds, up 300 pounds from 2004.

All Other Hay production is forecast at 918,000 tons, down 4 percent from 2004. The area harvested is expected to total 540,000 acres, up 10,000 acres from 2004. Average yield per acre is forecast at 1.7 tons, down 0.1 ton from 2004.

Based on August 1 conditions, apple production is forecast at 88 million pounds, up 9 percent or 7 million pounds from 2004.

Peach production of 5,500 tons is carried forward from the July forecast.

## UNITED STATES, AUGUST 1, 2005 FORECAST, WITH 2004 COMPARISONS

- Corn for grain production – 10.3 billion bushels, down 12 percent.
- Corn yield – 139.2 bushels per acre, down 21.2 bushels.
- Oats production – 127.8 million bushels, up 10 percent.
- Winter wheat production - 1.52 billion bushels, up 1 percent.
- Alfalfa and Alfalfa Mixtures hay production – 73.8 million tons, down 2 percent.
- Other hay production – 76.1 million tons, down 8 percent.
- Apple production – 9.84 billion pounds, down 6 percent.
- Peach production (Including Clingstone) – 1.23 million tons, down 6 percent.
- Peach production (Excluding Clingstone) – 703.9 thousand tons, down 8 percent.
- All tobacco production – 677.1 million pounds, down 23 percent.
- Burley tobacco production – 203.7 million pounds, down 30 percent.
- Soybean production – 2.79 billion bushels, down 11 percent.
- Barley production – 236.7 million bushels, down 15 percent.

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